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# OATH OR AFFIRMATION

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL STRUCTURE REQUIRED BY SEC RULE 174-5

February 24, 2004

To the Board of Directors R. Seelaus & Co., Inc. Summit, NJ 07901

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supplemental schedules of R. Seelaus & Co., Inc. (the Company) for the year ended December 31, 2003, we considered its internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control.

Also, as required by rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company including tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

- 1. Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons.
- 2. Recordation of differences required by rule 17a-13.
- 3. Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.



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The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

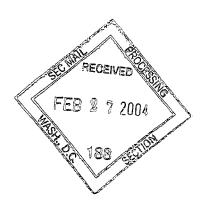
Because of inherent limitations in internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

Our consideration of internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in internal control that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of the specific internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted no matters involving internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at December 31, 2003 to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, management, the SEC, the New York Stock Exchange and other regulatory agencies that rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Crane, 7onelli, Rosenberg & Co., LLP February 24, 2004



R. SEELAUS & CO., INC.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

(With Independent Auditors' Report)

# R. SEELAUS & CO., INC.

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors R. Seelaus & Co., Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial condition of R. Seelaus & Co., Inc. as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, and the related statements of income, changes in stockholders' equity, changes in liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors, and cash flows for the years then ended that you are filing pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of R. Seelaus & Co., Inc. as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in Schedules I through III is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as whole.

Crane, Touelli, Rosenberg & Co., LLP

February 24, 2004



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# R. SEELAUS & CO., INC. STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION DECEMBER 31,

# **ASSETS**

	2003	2002
Cash Securities owned – marketable Secured demand notes Furniture, equipment, and leasehold	\$ 142,891 10,338,016 290,000	\$ 10,700 11,294,294 290,000
improvements – net Other assets	104,039 406,248	65,950 414,088
	\$ <u>11,281,194</u>	\$ <u>12,075,032</u>
LIABILITIES AND ST	OCKHOLDERS' EQU	ITY
Liabilities: Payables to clearing organization Securities sold, not yet purchased,	\$ 6,351,627	\$ 6,489,578
at market value	1,062,468	2,414,281
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities Note payable	1,950,405	1,418,960 33,006
Income taxes payable Deferred income tax	-	106,248 5,393
	9,364,500	10,467,466
Commitments and Contingent Liabilities	-	-
Subordinated borrowings	290,000	290,000
Stockholders' Equity: Common stock, no par value; 1,000,000 shares authorized, 13,314 shares issued an	nd	
outstanding, stated at \$23 per share Additional paid-in capital	307,553 111,614	287,215 68,000
Less: Treasury stock, -0- and 159 shares at cost, respectively	-	(11,973)
Retained earnings Total Stockholders' Equity	1,207,527 1,626,694	974,324 1,317,566
	\$ <u>11,281,194</u>	\$ <u>12,075,032</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements

# R. SEELAUS & CO., INC. STATEMENTS OF INCOME FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,

Revenues:	2003	<u>2002</u>
Trading gains Syndicate income (loss) Commission income Interest and dividend income Other income	\$11,794,265 6,947 377,859 881,422 123,820	\$7,934,500 (588) 291,425 417,570 34,046
Total Revenue	13,184,313	<u>8,676,953</u>
Operating Expenses:		
Employee compensation and benefits Non-broker clearance charges Interest Communications and data processing Occupancy and equipment Promotion Regulatory assessments Payroll taxes Depreciation Other operating expenses	10,701,861 277,554 218,109 130,789 473,894 6,736 43,565 326,288 23,272 	6,589,224 225,666 165,874 120,616 368,593 11,421 33,004 231,966 46,099 385,985
Total Operating Expenses	12,729,161	8,178,448
Income before income taxes	455,152	498,505
Provision for income taxes	8,900	125,000
Net income	\$ <u>446,252</u>	\$ <u>373,505</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements

# R. SEELAUS & CO., INC. STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

	Commo	on Stock Amount	Additional Paid-In Capital	Treasur Shares	y Stock Amount	Retained Earnings	Total Stockholders' Equity
Balance at January 1, 2002	12,217	\$282,225	\$68,000	1,090	(\$80,768)	\$604,005	\$873,462
Net income						\$373,505	\$373,505
Issuance of common stock	217	\$4,990					\$4,990
Purchase of common shares for treasury (129 shares at cost)				129	(\$11,004)		(\$11,004)
Issuance of treasury stock				(1,060)	\$79,799	(\$3,186)	\$76,613
Balance at December 31, 2002	12,434	\$287,215	\$68,000	159	(\$11,973)	\$974,324	\$1,317,566
Net income						\$446,252	\$446,252
Distributions						(\$205,000)	(\$205,000)
Issuance of common stock	880	\$20,338	\$43,614				\$63,952
Purchase of common shares for treasury (129 shares at cost)				388	(\$34,590)		(\$34,590)
Issuance of treasury stock				(547)	\$46,563	(\$8,049)	\$38,514
Balance at December 31, 2003	13,314	\$307,553	\$111,614	0	\$0	\$1,207,527	\$1,626,694

See accompanying notes to financial statements

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# R. SEELAUS & CO., INC. STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SUBORDINATED BORROWINGS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

Balance at January 1, 2002	\$ 290,000
Increases:	-
Decreases:	
Balance at December 31, 2002	290,000
Increases:	-
Decreases:	
Balance at December 31, 2003	\$ <u>290,000</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements

## R. SEELAUS & CO., INC. STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Net Income	\$ <u>446,252</u>	\$ <u>373,505</u>
Adjustments to reconcile net income to		
Net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	23,272	46,099
Deferred taxes	(5,393)	1,000
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:		
Securities owned	956,278	(3,551,645)
Other assets	7,840	(92,296)
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:		
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	531,445	1,003,192
Payables to clearing organization	(137,951)	(377,885)
Securities sold not yet purchased	(1,351,813)	2,361,704
Income tax payable	(106,248)	101,248
Total adjustments	(82,570)	<u>(508,583)</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating a	ctivities <u>363,682</u>	(135,078)
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:		
Acquisitions of furniture, equipment, and	(61.261)	(20.511)
leasehold improvements	(61,361)	<u>(29,511</u> )
Net cash (used in) investing activities	(61,361)	(29,511)
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Cash Flows From Financing Activities:		
Payment on note payable	(33,006)	(33,006)
Issuance of treasury stock	38,514	76,613
Purchase of common stock for treasury	(34,590)	(11,004)
Issuance of common stock	63,952	4,990
Distributions	(205,000)	
Net cash provided by (used in) financing a	ctivities (170,130)	37,593
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Net increase (decrease) in cash	132,191	(126,996)
Cash at beginning of the year	10,700	127 606
Cash at beginning of the year	10,700	<u>137,696</u>
Cash at end of the year	\$ <u>142,891</u>	\$ <u>10,700</u>
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Supplemental cash flows disclosures:		
Cash paid during the year for:	¢ 100 570	ф 01 10 <i>4</i>
Income taxes	\$ <u>128,579</u>	\$ <u>21,124</u>
Interest	\$ <u>219,812</u>	\$ <u>164,723</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements

#### Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

### **Description of Company**

The Company organized in 1984, is a broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and is a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD). The Company's customers are located throughout the United States, with offices in Summit, New Jersey, Boca Raton, Florida and Boston, Massachusetts.

### Securities Transactions

Marketable securities are valued at market values. All investments as of December 31, 2003 and 2002 are held at an outside location by a clearing organization.

Traded securities consist principally of municipal and government obligations and Unit Investment Trusts in order to provide income which is exempt from federal and/or state income taxes for the fixed-income investor. Other heavily traded securities include corporate bonds. The Company operates on a settlement date basis in which most transactions are recorded on the third business day following the trade date.

#### Furniture, Equipment, and Leasehold Improvements

Furniture, equipment, and leasehold improvements are recorded at cost. Depreciation is computed on the straight-line method, over the useful lives of the related assets. Expenditures for maintenance and repairs are expensed as incurred.

#### Income Taxes

The Company has elected S corporation status effective January 1, 2003 (Note 9). Earnings and losses after that date will be included in the personal income tax returns of the stockholders and taxed depending on their personal tax strategies. Prior to the change, income taxes currently payable and deferred income taxes related primarily to differences between the financial basis of trade accounts receivable and their tax basis and differences between book and tax depreciation of fixed assets were recorded in the financial statements.

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### Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies: (Continued)

#### Income Taxes (Continued)

Deferred income taxes were provided in 2002 to recognize the effects of items reported in different time periods for financial statement and income tax purposes.

#### Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 107, "Disclosures About Fair Value of Financial Instruments," requires disclosure of the fair value of certain financial instruments. Cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued expenses are reflected in the financial statements at carrying value, which approximates fair value because of the short-term maturity of these instruments. The carrying value of the Company's notes payable approximates the fair value based on the current rates available to the Company for similar instruments.

#### Note 2: Securities Owned and Sold, Not Yet Purchased:

The Company has sold securities that it does not currently own and will therefore be obligated to purchase such securities at a future date. The Company has recorded these obligations in the financial statements at December 31, 2003, at market values of the related securities and will incur a loss if the market value of the securities increases subsequent to December 31, 2003.

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#### Note 2: Securities Owned and Sold, Not Yet Purchased: (Continued)

Marketable securities owned and sold not yet purchased, consist of trading and investment securities at market values at December 31, 2003 and 2002 as follows:

	2003	
		Sold Not Yet
	Owned	Purchased
Government obligations	\$ 1,176,859	\$ 500,631
State and municipal obligations	5,112,913	_
Corporate bonds	3,995,432	550,761
Other securities	52,812	11,076
	\$ <u>10,338,016</u>	\$ <u>1,062,468</u>
	200	2
		Sold Not Yet
	Owned	Purchased
Government obligations	\$ 3,905,919	\$2,107,271
State and municipal obligations	5,609,251	260,001
Corporate bonds	1,755,774	47,009
Other securities	23,350	<u> </u>
	\$11,294,294	\$2,414,281

#### Note 3: When-Issued Securities

The Company enters into certain transactions involving off-balance sheet financial instruments. These financial instruments are securities sold on a when-issued basis (when-issued securities). When-issued securities provide for the delayed delivery of the underlying instrument. When-issued securities transactions are entered into for trading purposes or to economically hedge other positions or transactions and are therefore subject to varying degrees of market and credit risk. The credit risk for when-issued securities is limited to the unrealized market valuation gains recorded in the statement of financial condition. The market risk is substantially dependent upon the value of the underlying financial instruments and is affected by market forces such as volatility and changes in interest rates. These securities in accordance with industry practice, were not recorded on the statement of financial condition.

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#### Note 4: Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of General Creditors:

The borrowings under subordination agreements at December 31, 2003 and 2002 are listed below:

uro nota octo	2003	2002
Liability pursuant to secured demand note collateral agreement, 9% interest paid monthly through April 15, 2005 based on \$200,000 balance. Interest expense was \$18,000 for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002.	\$190,000	\$190,000
Liability pursuant to secured demand note collateral agreement with an individual related to the majority stockholder, 8% interest paid monthly through April 15, 2005. Interest expense was \$8,000 for the years ended December 31,		
2003 and 2002.	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
	\$ <u>290,000</u>	\$ <u>290,000</u>

The subordinated borrowings are covered by agreements approved by the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. and are thus available in computing net capital under the Securities and Exchange Commission's uniform net capital rule. To the extent that such borrowings are required for the Company's continued compliance with minimum net capital requirements, they may not be repaid.

#### Note 5: Furniture, Equipment, and Leasehold Improvements:

Furniture, equipment, and leasehold improvements at December 31, 2003 and 2002 is summarized as follows:

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Office machinery and equipment	\$ 295,806	\$ 256,228
Leasehold improvements	<u> 55,478</u>	33,694
	351,284	289,922
Less: Accumulated depreciation Net Furniture, Equipment,	<u>(247,245)</u>	(223,972)
and Leasehold Improvements	\$ <u>104,039</u>	\$ <u>65,950</u>

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#### Note 6: Payables to Clearing Organization:

The payable to clearing organizations are loans collateralized by marketable securities at rates related to the Federal Funds rate.

#### **Note 7: Commitments:**

The Company is obligated under non-cancelable operating leases for office facilities and equipment expiring at various dates through June, 2006. The future minimum rental payments for the next five years and in the aggregate under the above lease agreements are as follows:

Years Ending December 31,

2004	\$241,162
2005	188,207
2006	9,563

Total future minimum lease payments \$\frac{438,932}{2}\$

Rent expense under all operating leases was approximately \$258,000 and \$231,000 for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

#### Note 8: Note Payable:

During 2003, the Company paid the final installment of the note payable. The note payable resulted from the Company's acquisition of 2,260 shares from a retiring shareholder in March 1999 and was due in annual installments of \$33,006 with interest at 4.5%, maturing May 1, 2003. Note payable at December 31, 2002 was \$33,006.

#### Note 9: Income Taxes:

The provision for income taxes for year ended December 31, 2003 of \$8,900 has been provided in the financial statements for state corporate income tax obligations based upon the Company's current tax filing status as an S corporation. The Company elected S corporation status effective January 1, 2003. Earnings and losses after that date will be included in the personal income tax returns of the stockholders and taxed depending on their personal tax strategies. Accordingly, the Company will not incur additional income tax obligations.

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## Note 9: Income Taxes: (Continued)

Net non-current deferred taxes as presented in the accompanying statement of financial condition at December 31, 2002 consists of the following:

	<u>2002</u>
Deferred tax asset: Capital loss carryforward	\$ -
Net operating loss carryforward	
Valuation allowance	
Deferred tax liability-depreciation Net deferred tax liability	(5,393) \$(5,393)

The provision for income taxes consists of the following for the year ended December 31, 2002:

	<u>2002</u>
Current:	
Federal	\$ 82,000
State	42,000
Total Current Taxes	124,000
Deferred:	
Federal	1,500
State	(500)
Total Deferred Taxes	1,000
Income Taxes	\$ <u>125,000</u>

Variations in the customary relationship between income tax expense and pre-tax accounting income exist because of non-taxable income items and non-deductible expense items included in the statements of income. For the year ended December 31, 2002 the principal variations resulted from non-taxable interest income on state and municipal obligations, and non-deductible interest expense.

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## Note 10: Principal Transactions

The Company's principal transaction revenues by reporting categories, including derivatives, at December 31, 2003 and 2002, are the following:

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Municipal Trading Gains	\$ 2.6	\$2.3
Government Trading Gains	5.8	4.8
Corporate Trading Gains	3.3	.8
UIT Trading Gains	1	· <u>-</u>
_	\$ <u>11.8</u>	\$ <u>7.9</u>

#### Note 11: Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The financial instruments of the Company are reported in the statement of financial condition at market or fair values, or at carrying amounts that approximate fair values because of the short maturity of the instruments, except long-term notes payable, and subordinated borrowings. The estimated fair values and the carrying amounts of these financial instruments at December 31, 2003 and 2002 are the same.

The fair value estimates of the Company's long-term notes payable and subordinated borrowings are based on current rates offered to the Company for debt with substantially the same characteristics and maturities.

#### Note 12: Employee Benefit Plan:

The Company maintains a 401(k) plan, which covers substantially all of its full-time employees. The plan permits employees to invest from 1% to 15% of their salary in the employee's choice of mutual fund. The Company matches 50% of the employee's contributions up to a maximum of 3%. During the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, the Company contributed approximately \$163,000 and \$53,000, to the plan, respectively.

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R. SEELAUS & CO., INC. Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2003 and 2002

#### Note 13: Net Capital Requirements:

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (SEC rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. At December 31, 2003, the Company had net capital of \$991,637, which is \$741,637 in excess of required net capital of \$250,000. The Company's net capital ratio at December 31, 2003 was 1.97 to 1. At December 31, 2002, the Company had net capital of \$920,967, which is \$670,967 in excess of required net capital of \$250,000. The Company's net capital ratio at December 31, 2002 was 1.69 to 1.

#### Note 14: Annual Report on Form X-17A-5:

The annual report to the Securities and Exchange Commission on Form X-17A-5 is available for examination and copying at the Company's office and at the regional office of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

#### Note 15: Concentrations:

The Company maintains its cash balances in a financial institution located in New Jersey. The balances are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$100,000. At December 31, 2003 and 2002, the company had no uninsured cash balances.

#### Note 16: Reclassifications

Certain accounts in the prior-year financial statements have been reclassified for comparative purposes to conform with the presentation in the current-year financial statements.

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#### SCHEDULE I

# R. SEELAUS & CO., INC. COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL AND REQUIRED NET CAPITAL PURSUANT TO RULE 15c3-1 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION AS OF DECEMBER 31,

Net Capital:	<u>2003</u>	2002
Net Capital.		
Stockholders' Equity from Statement of Financial Condition Add: Subordinated borrowings (allowable in computation of net capital) Other allowable credits-deferred income taxes payable	\$1,626,694	\$1,317,566
	290,000	290,000 5,393
Total Capital and Allowable Subordinated Borrowings Deductions and Charges:	1,916,694	1,612,959
Non-Allowable Assets Net Capital Before Haircuts on Security	263,969	184,109
Positions (tentative net capital)  Haircuts on Securities	1,652,725 <u>661,088</u>	1,428,850 507,883
Net Capital	\$ <u>991,637</u>	\$ <u>920,967</u>
Aggregate Indebtedness:		
Payable to Brokers and Dealers Accrued Expenses and Other Liabilities	\$ 14,089 <u>1,936,313</u>	\$ 14,801 1,543,413
Total Aggregate Indebtedness	\$ <u>1,950,402</u>	\$ <u>1,558,214</u>
Computation of Basic Net Capital Requirement:		
Minimum Net Capital Required (6 2/3% of Aggregate Indebtedness of \$1,950,402 and \$1,558,214		
in 2003 and 2002, respectively)	\$ <u>130,027</u>	\$ <u>103,881</u>
Minimum Dollar Net Capital Requirement	\$ <u>250,000</u>	\$ <u>250,000</u>
Net Capital Required	\$ <u>250,000</u>	\$ <u>250,000</u>
Excess Net Capital at 1,500%	\$ <u>741,637</u>	\$ <u>670,967</u>
Excess Net Capital at 1,000%	\$ <u>796,597</u>	\$ <u>765,146</u>
Ratio of Aggregate Indebtedness to Net Capital	1.97	1.69

#### Reconciliation With The Company's Computations:

A reconciliation is not necessary pursuant to rule 17a-5(d)(4) since there were no material differences between the computations of aggregate indebtedness and net capital as computed above and the computation by the Company included in Form X-17A-5 as of December 31, 2003, as amended, filed on February 24, 2004.

See accompanying notes to financial statements

### SCHEDULE II

### R. SEELAUS & CO., INC. COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF RESERVE REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO RULE 15c3-3 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION AS OF DECEMBER 31,

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Credit Balances	NONE	NONE
Debit Balances	NONE	NONE
Reserve Computation:		

Excess of Total Credits Over Total Debits **NONE NONE** Required Deposit <u>NONE</u> **NONE** Frequency of Computation: NOT NOT **APPLICABLE APPLICABLE** 

#### Reconciliation With The Company's Computations:

A reconciliation is not necessary pursuant to rule 17a-5(d)(4) since there are no material differences between the computation for determination of reserve requirements as computed above and the computation by the Company included in the Form X-17A-5 as of December 31, 2003, as amended, filed on February 24, 2004.

#### SCHEDULE III

# R. SEELAUS & CO., INC. INFORMATION RELATING TO THE POSSESSION OR CONTROL REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO RULE 15c3-3 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2003

#### State the Market Value and the Number of Items:

1. Customers' fully paid securities and excess margin securities not in the respondent's possession or control as of December 31, 2003 (for which instructions to reduce to possession or control had been issued as of that date, but for which the required action was not taken by respondent within the time frames specified under Rule 15c3-3).

**NONE** 

Number of Items

NONE

2. Customers' fully paid securities and excess margin securities for which instructions to reduce to possession or control had not been issued as of the report date, excluding items arising from "temporary lags which result from normal business operations" as permitted under Rule 15c3-3.

**NONE** 

Number of Items

**NONE** 

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